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Captain Ketch looking to make a splash



• James Ketchell (left) testing out the boat on Wednesday with a friend (photo by Ian Homer)

RIVERDENE adventurer James Ketchell is due to embark on his latest mammoth challenge on Monday.

He will attempt to emulate Christopher Columbus by making the 2,930-mile journey across the Atlantic Ocean in

a boat using both pedalo and rowing power. Hampshire dad-of-five Anthony Ward Thomas will

join the man dubbed Captain Ketch on his epic trip, hoping to raise £100,000 for charity. See page 2 for full story.

RESIDENTS applauded as plans to build a 5,124-seat football stadium in Eastrop were rejected on Tuesday night.

Basingstoke Town FC (BTFC) hoped to build the new £10million stadium on land at the Old Common, but the plans were rejected by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet after more than two hours of debate.

Around 35 people spoke at the meeting, including residents, councillors and representatives from the football club.

Borough councillor for the Eastrop ward, Gavin James, said: "It's taken a long time to get where we are.

"I never imagined the strength of public opinion would be as big.

"We've had a chance to understand the importance of the old common.

"The best thing we can do is advise the cabinet we have no land available and not progress."

By Alex Ballinger

Council officers presented the cabinet with the options to either progress the plans to build at the Old Common, look for alternative sites owned by the authority, or to advise the club that there was no council-owned land on which to relocate the stadium to.

And the cabinet voted in favour of option C – telling the club that there was no land available on which to build a new ground.

Basingstoke Town chairman, Rafi Razzak, said: "I have been in this town for more than 30 years.

"I got involved with football because I wanted to support something local.

"The council is the one who gave us the options of the land and the one we're talking about has been recommended by the council.

"It's not our choice."

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• An artist's impression of how the stadium could have looked

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Ocean odyssey to help kids' hospice

By **Katriona Ormiston**

JAMES Ketchell's last dangerous deep-sea feat was cut short with a potentially life-saving rescue by a passing oil tanker after 6.5m waves rolled his boat in the Indian Ocean last year.

So you would excuse him for wanting to keep his feet on dry land for a while.

But the Basingstoke adventurer, dubbed Captain Ketch, is heading back out to sea on Monday to pedal, row and kite 2,930 miles across the Atlantic Ocean alongside Hampshire dad-of-five Anthony Ward Thomas, 58.

The 34-year-old from Riverdene said: "I'm really excited. You know when you are 13 years old and it is Christmas Eve and you can't go to sleep because it's Christmas Day tomorrow? That's how I feel now. I can't wait to get out there."

Captain Ketch landed in the Canary Islands on Sunday to prepare, test the boat and pack equipment this week. He and Mr Ward Thomas will pedal, row or kite in four-hour

stints over about 45 days to Antigua, raising a target £100,000 for charity.

They will be feasting on dehydration ration packs of spaghetti bolognese and pasta, armed with the odd luxury of chocolates, sweets, and an iPod.

The route, which is the same Christopher Columbus used when he discovered the Americas in 1492, is one Captain Ketch already tackled solo in 2010 over 110 days.

In 2014, he became the first and only person to row the Atlantic Ocean, climb to the summit of Mount Everest, and cycle 18,000 miles around the world.

Captain Ketch added: "This time six years ago I was out there on my own. But I'm looking forward to sharing the experience with someone else.

"Last time I saw oceanic whitetip sharks, I was hit in the face by a flying fish, and I was bitten on the nipple by a fish too. It didn't hurt, it was kind of like



• James Ketchell testing out the boat on Wednesday (picture by Ian Homer)

being pinched. But those are the kind things I'm looking forward to sharing with another person."

The boat has been designed and built as a one-off experiment by Rannoch Adventure as a hi-tech pedalo with a kite attached to the front.

Captain Ketch and Mr Ward Thomas can choose which of them to use while they are at sea. The red and white boat called

'Kitty Rouge' was towed by various ferries to get it to Puerto de Morgan in the Canary Islands.

It was lowered into the water yesterday.

The quest has already raised £38,000 of a target £100,000 for Sutton Scotney-based children's hospice Naomi House.

To donate or to track their progress, go to the website: pedaltheocean.co.uk.

News Bites**Festival sign-up**

BASINGSTOKE: Residents from Basingstoke and beyond can sign up to play a part in this year's Basingstoke Festival.

Community groups, performers and entertainers can register arts and culture events to become part of the programme from Friday, June 17, to Sunday, July 10.

Basingstoke Festival attracted more than 160,000 people to more than 100 events at over 40 venues in the town last year.

Registration closes on March 11. To sign up, go to basingstokefestival.co.uk.

Holiday park bid

BASINGSTOKE: Plans to build a holiday park with 55 lodges just outside Basingstoke have been unveiled.

Pre-application proposals for a development of cabins on land in Farleigh Wallop, near Dummer, were submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council last week.

The two-to eight-bed cabins for tourists and visitors would be raised half a metre off the ground at Inwood Copse off the B3046. A reception lodge would also be built.

Up to 100 camping pitches are already used from March to October and have been for the last four years.

A planning application is likely to be submitted this spring by Portsmouth Estates, which owns and manages a 4,000-acre rural estate centred upon Farleigh Wallop.

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Primary school campus' opening ceremony

A RIBBON-cutting and tree-planting ceremony will officially open Basingstoke's new primary school campus in Rooksdown tomorrow, January 29.

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller and Mayor of Basingstoke Anne Court are due to attend the opening of the Castle Hill Primary School building alongside about 150 children, parents, teachers, and councillors.

The Rooksdown campus in Park Prewitt Road opened its doors to the first 30 pupils in September.

Headmaster Martin John, who has led the school for 25 years,

said: "It has been an intense year, getting it from a puddle of mud to the beautiful building it is now.

"It should be good fun to celebrate the opening with the whole school community."

The school will grow year by year until it reaches its capacity of 210 children, aged four to 11.

Castle Hill Primary School also has a Greenbank campus in Winklebury Way, which was rated 'good' by Ofsted inspectors last year.

The official opening starts at 3pm and will include tours of the timber-clad building led by head boys and girls.

Parents, children and staff will also be joined by Hampshire County Council's executive member for education, Peter Edgar, and John Coughlan CBE, chief executive of Hampshire County Council.

Speeches will be led by the school's chair of governors, Brian Dixon.



• Castle Hill Primary School's Rooksdown campus

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Retail park plan sparks fears of £32m town hit

BUILDING a shopping centre at Basingstoke Leisure Park could take £32.35million in trade away from the town centre, leaders have warned.

Labour councillors have pointed to a Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council-commissioned document to back their claim that plans to create a designer outlet centre would hit town-centre shops.

The 'Retail Impact Study' circulated among councillors, but not yet published to the public, states: "The redevelopment of the Basingstoke Leisure park could have... a monetary trade diversion of £32.35m."

Labour group leader Paul Harvey said: "We are concerned about the shift away from the leisure park to a retail park and the impact that would have on the town centre.

"More than £30m worth of trade would be diverted from the town centre to the retail park. The town centre needs to be supported and we need to see it thrive – Top of Town, Festival Place, and the Malls."

However, Conservative councillors argued it would offer a different kind of shopping

By **Katriona Ormiston**

because it would have designer outlet stores modelled on Bicester Village in Oxfordshire and Gunwharf Quays in Portsmouth.

They supported the scheme last week, which would create 2,400 jobs and bring an estimated £200m to Basingstoke.

Hannah Golding, councillor for Brighton Hill North, said: "I don't think we should underestimate the number of people who see outlet shopping as leisure. It's much different from town-centre shopping."

The plans proposed by the council and developers NewRiver Retail include a new aquadrome, dual-use ice rink, climbing wall, surfing centre, velodrome, children's activity centre over 60 acres, as well as outdoor performance space, and seven acres of retail space.

Project leader Cllr John Izett said: "Having a designer outlet centre in Basingstoke with first-class brands not otherwise available in the town would be such a great boost for Basingstoke and many of our residents, who currently have to travel to places like Bicester and Ports-

mouth for this type of shopping experience, are absolutely right to be delighted."

But during a meeting last week, the H&M, Gap and Superdry clothing shops, all already in Festival Place, were among those mooted to open in the centre if it went ahead.

Cllr Harvey added: "They are actually pretty critical anchor stores when you talk about Festival Place."

"We want to see the leisure park regenerated. We want a really first-class leisure park, something the town can be proud of that will draw people in, but we need to protect the town centre for retail."

Festival Place declined to comment.

The Observer also reported last week a debate between councillors over whether the plans to include natural floodplain Saunders Field in the plans would increase the risk of flooding in parts of Basingstoke such as Buckskin.

An illustrative masterplan of designs for the leisure park and retail centre was published in December, but a planning application has not been submitted.



Council turns down proposal for Old Common stadium

From front page

The club have said their current home of the Camrose, in Western Way, is not fit for purpose because it does not hold enough supporters and is getting old.

Members of the public turned out in force to oppose the plans arguing the current attendance for games does not justify the build.

Chair of the Basingstoke Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association, Ron Le Marechal, said: "It would be best to have an allotment site on this common."

"There are currently 483 people on the waiting list for allotments."

Other residents also spoke at the meeting calling for the protection of the green space for walkers, runners and children.

One woman said she walks her rescue dog on the land.

She said: "We need open spaces. My dog has nowhere else to go. I beg that you look elsewhere for the build of the football stadium."

The club and the council have been in negotiations over a suitable location for a new stadium for

more than 10 years.

BTFC previously said it would work closely with the authority to find a solution, saying they would be "open to exploring other options".

Leader of the borough council,

Clr Clive Sanders, said: "We don't have any other piece of land other than this piece of land."

"We have explored all the possibilities. To go back to look again I think that's not a possibility."

"I think we have heard tonight some very powerful arguments about the value of green space."

News Bites

Woman abused

BASINGSTOKE: A driver racially abused a woman in a road-rage incident in Basingstoke last week.

The 55-year-old victim had to brake suddenly while driving along Queen Mary Avenue when a van driver reversed on to the road last Tuesday, January 9.

Both got out of their vehicles and the van driver racially abused the woman between 12.20pm and 12.40pm.

He is described as white, of chunky build, with dark brown cropped hair. He was driving a black Ford Transit van and wearing black cargo trousers, black boots and a black shirt.

Witnesses should contact PC Kerry Hayman at Basingstoke police station on 101, quoting 44160027585.

Playground boost

BASINGSTOKE: Work on a new £40,000 playground with water features and a den-making area started this week.

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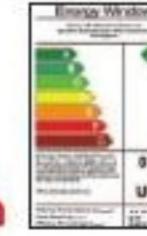
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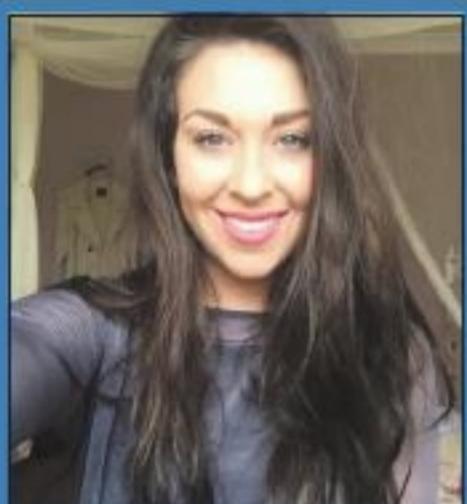
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MISS Hampshire contestants are practising their catwalk strut in a bid to claim the crown.

Young women aged 16-and-a-half to 26 have until February 19 to apply for the beauty pageant finals.

More than half of the places have been filled, with 15 out of 25 candidates already lined up.

Tadley 23-year-old Amy Brown and Basingstoke 22-year-old Nicola Ascroft are among the hopefuls battling for the Miss Hampshire title.



Name: Amy Brown
Age: 23
From: Tadley
Likes: Horse-riding, animals, the gym, family and friends

By **Katriona Ormiston**

But it would be a case of friendly competition, Amy said.

The pair are friends, and it was Nicola's success as runner-up last year which encouraged Amy to give the competition a go.

Amy, a BMW sales worker, said: "All the girls form a team so it doesn't feel that competitive.

"It has come around so quickly. When I got the letter saying I'd made it to the finals, I thought 'Oh my gosh, I've got weeks'. It's the first time I'm doing it so it's quite nerve-wracking. I'm really excited though."

The former Basingstoke Queen Mary's College student counts horse-riding and travelling among her hobbies.

Organiser Larissa Hirst was last year's winner and holds the Miss Hampshire title until another contestant is crowned.

The 25-year-old from New Milton went on to win the intelligence heat of last year's Miss England competition.

She said: "I think the stigma is that when you tell someone what you are doing they think, 'Well you're obviously just parading around in a bikini trying to look

pretty'. But when people meet you, they realise what it's about.

"People gain a lot of confidence from it which helps things like job interviews."

The finals take place on Saturday, March 12, at Alton House Hotel in Normandy Street, Alton.

Judges will rate Miss Hampshire hopefuls in categories including talent, looks, social media popularity and charity fundraising success.

Alongside the Miss Hampshire crown, prizes include Miss Beauty With A Purpose, Miss Popularity, Miss Social Media, Miss Publicity Queen, Miss Talent, Miss Eco-Queen, The David Freeman Photography Award and Miss Brainy Beauty.

Miss Hampshire will go through to the Miss England Grand Finals later this year.

To kick-start her charity fundraising campaign, Amy is organising a dog walk on Sunday, February 7, from 2pm at Popley Fields, and a charity ball at AWE in Tadley on Saturday, February 20.

Ball tickets cost £10 and include a disco, buffet and raffle, while the dog walk will be fundraising by donations. Money

raised goes to children's charity Beauty With a Purpose. Email: amyrosebrown@hotmail.co.uk for tickets or for more details.

To enter for the Miss Hampshire candidates must be 16-and-a-half to 26 on December 31 this year, must live, work or study in or within 50 miles of Hampshire, and must not have been married or be a mum.

To apply for the finals, send a photo and your name, date of birth, where you are from and your job title to misshampshire@yahoo.com.



Name: Nicola Ascroft
Age: 22
From: Basingstoke
Likes: Figure skating, fundraising, family and friends

News Bites

In the running

HOOK: A mum-of-two who designed a gaming app teaching children about the dangers of the Internet is a finalist in national technology awards.

Stella James has been shortlisted in the 2016 FDM Everywoman in Technology Awards in the start-up founder award category for her creation Gooseberry Planet.

The single mum, from Rotherwick, near Hook, designed the app after her eldest son got his first mobile phone when he started secondary school.

The game, launched in 2014, allows the player to travel through a virtual world where they are confronted by situations to test their initiative.

The awards are being held on February 23 at the London Hilton in Park Lane.

Flamenco fun

BASINGSTOKE: An Old Basing care home is hosting a free Spanish-inspired party with flamenco dancing on Saturday, January 30.

Basingfield Court Residential Care Home in Huish Lane is throwing open its doors from 5pm until 7.30pm

Dance group, Flamenca Magica, will be performing toe-tapping routines in traditional attire to live guitar music.

Basingstoke residents of all ages are welcome to attend.

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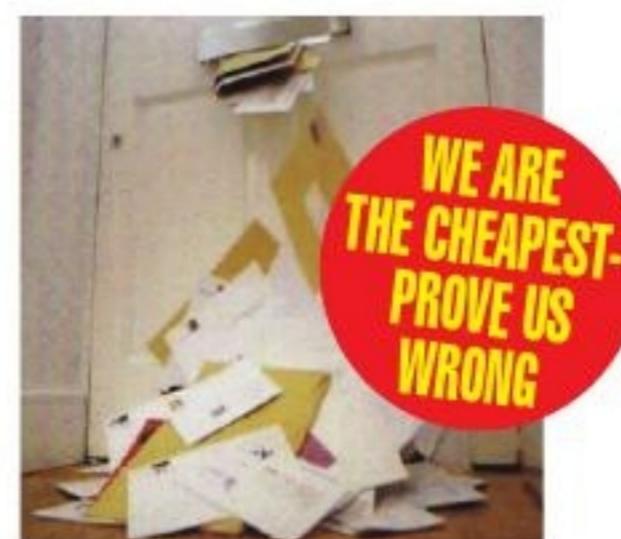
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Partnership helps provide housing for the homeless

MORE than 20 homes have been bought as temporary accommodation for homeless people over the last two years in Basingstoke and Deane as part of a housing association and council partnership.

Sentinel Housing Association teamed up with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to purchase the 23 homes to house those with nowhere else to go.

It is thought the programme has saved the council about £46,000 a year in bed-and-breakfast costs, as well as significantly reducing the number of families placed in emergency homes.

Terri Reid, cabinet member for housing, said: "It is an excellent example of the council using its resources and working with our partners to ensure support is there for those who need it."

Last month, further funding was agreed which will see the council invest £250,000 and Sentinel £650,000 to continue the programme to help homeless people.

Julie Porter, assistant director of development at Sentinel, said: "We want to help make a difference to those people."

Charity's chief falls victim to flytippers

THE head of the Hampshire branch of one of the UK's biggest countryside conservation charities has been a victim of fly-tipping on his land near Basingstoke.

The Earl of Malmesbury, county president of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), was left with a mound of building waste on his land between Greywell and Up Nately just before Christmas.

James Malmesbury said: "Having been the victim of fly-tipping, I was encouraged to find a builder's name board in the mess in the hope that I had found the culprit."

The Earl said he contacted the Hampshire-based company whose details he found and was told by the director that it was not responsible.

But the firm agreed to provide a free skip and remove the rubbish.

The Earl added: "There is now a large log in the gateway, and the space can no longer be used

By Katriona Ormiston

for the innocent pleasure of others, as I fear the fly-tipper would otherwise return. We all lose."

Last year, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council reported that fly-tipping had been cut by 66 per cent over the last five years. It said it had bucked the national trend

through a new project urging residents to report fly-tipping and warning those caught.

From 2010 to 2011, there were 2,879 fly-tipping incidents recorded by the council, which dropped to 1,308 from 2014 to 2015. There were also 10 prosecutions from 2011 to 2015 – seven of which were from 2012 to 2013.

Hampshire County Council is

planning to introduce charges for disposing of DIY waste at tips later this year.

County CPRE branch chairman, Dee Haas, said: "We think that these proposed additional charges, including for hazardous waste, will only make the problem worse as people will use the countryside as a free waste tip."



• The waste dumped on the Earl's land

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90th birthday

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Residents sharing their 90th birthday this year with the Queen can join a celebration hosted by the Mayor of Basingstoke Cllr Anne Court.

The Queen's 90th birthday falls on April 21 but celebrations are to be held at Windsor Castle from May 12 to May 15.

Cllr Court said: "The Queen's 90th birthday will be a very special occasion and here in Basingstoke and Deane we would like to join in with the celebrations."

The council is looking at ways to mark the occasion.

If you know anyone celebrating their 90th birthday this year, email mayor@basingstoke.gov.uk or call 01256 844844, with their name, address, number, email address and date of birth by February 5.

Teaching first aid

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Parents can attend a baby first-aid class in Basingstoke to learn skills which could save a child's life.

The workshop this Sunday, January 30, at Devonshire Business Park in Knights Park Road is being run by the St John Ambulance charity from 12.30am until 12.30pm.

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News Bites**Charity concert**

BASINGSTOKE: Town mayor Cllr Anne Court is inviting residents to a charity jazz and soul evening at The Anvil.

The Mayor's Charity Concert 2016 will raise money for The Ark Cancer Centre Charity, Inspero and the Basingstoke Multicultural Forum.

It starts at 7.30pm on Saturday, March 5, and costs £15.

Meal price rises

HAMPSHIRE: School meal prices are rising from April 11 for the first time in six years, Hampshire County Council agreed last week to meet rising costs. The 10p increase takes the cost per meal to £2.10.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, January 22.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 22851 of Chineham, while ticket 95258 of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100. Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 18781, and Dummer ticket 71938 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to 00117, 00267, 00611, 18302, 22248, 30266, 36580, 37827, 41434, 42088, 47489, 52679, 66039, 70260, 75170, and 86917.

PCSO caught with child abuse films

A FORMER PCSO has been jailed for two years after pleading guilty to exchanging the drug crystal meth for indecent images of children.

James Wicks, 35, of Kirby Drive, Bramley, was sentenced at Winchester Crown Court last Wednesday on six counts of possessing indecent images of a child, one of distributing indecent images of a child, and one for the supply of a class-A drug.

The court heard that Wicks, who worked for Thames Valley Police (TVP) as a PCSO in the Reading area, would take crystal meth with him to a friend's house. He would then exchange it for indecent movies of children, which he put on a memory stick and took away with him.

A total of 39 movies were found by police on a memory stick, as well as 24 images on an Apple Mac computer. Three of these movies, which depicted sexual abuse of children, were then shared through Skype.

The offences took place between August 25, 2013, and June 10, 2015.

John Montague, senior district Crown prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service in Wessex,

By Adam Flinn

said: "This case is simply shocking and disturbing."

"The movies found in the possession of James Wicks can be described as some of the worst type classified as category A seen by experienced officers in the child abuse team."

"The fact that Wicks is a PCSO for TVP and had in his possession these movies and images is even more alarming – his duty was to care for the community, not to pose a serious risk."

Wicks was arrested by TVP on June 10, 2015, and suspended while the investigation took place, with him resigning on October 5. He was charged 10 days later.

John Campbell, deputy chief constable of TVP, said: "The actions of former PCSO James Wicks are absolutely reprehensible."

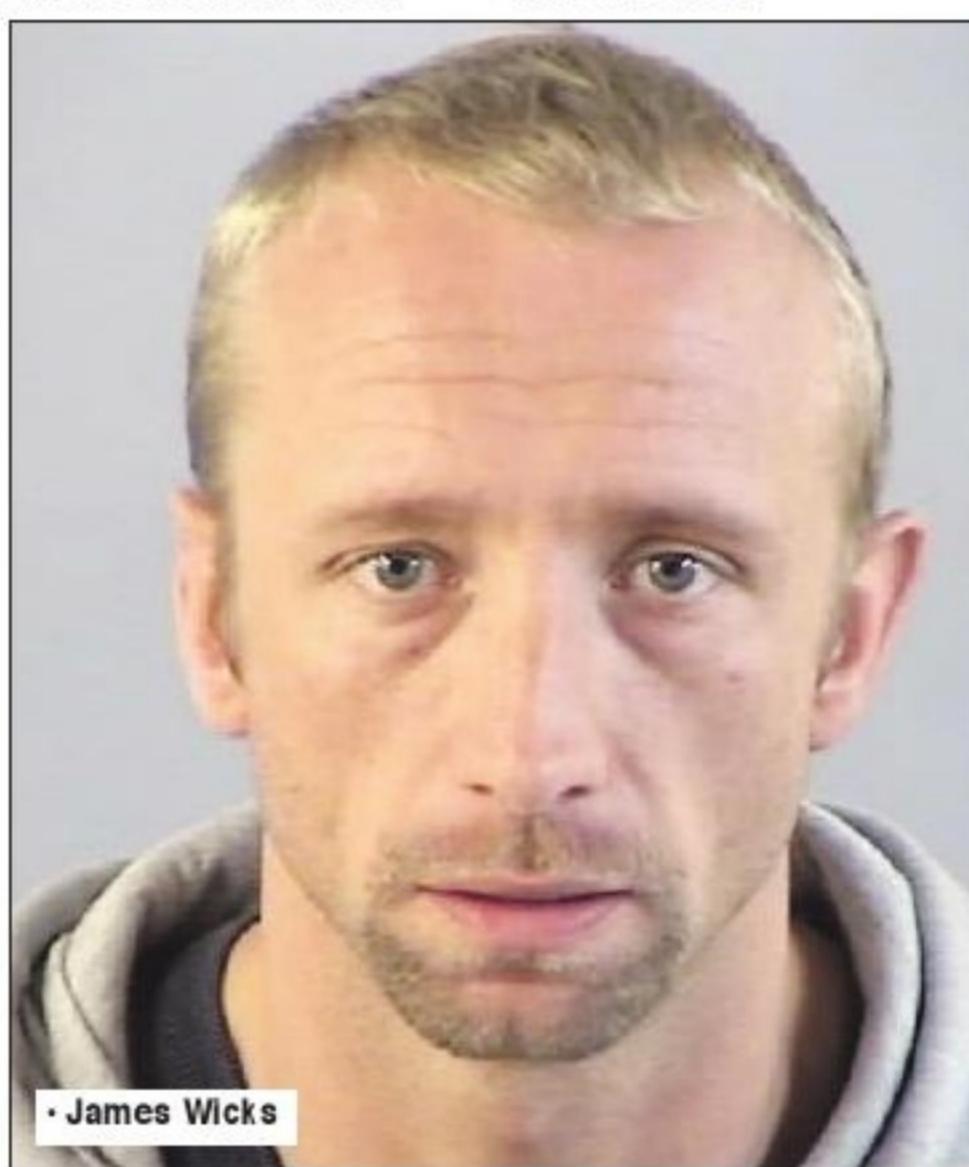
"The harm the possession and distribution of these images will have caused their victims will be lasting and cannot be measured."

"Drugs also cause communities and users untold devastation and Wicks' actions are com-

pletely contrary to what those in our force work to prevent."

"There is no place at all for those who commit such crimes as these within our force."

Wicks has also been put on the sex offenders' register for 10 years, and will be subject to a sexual harm prevention order after his release.



• James Wicks

Recycling tips could close as council seeks cuts savings

CHARGING residents for dropping off waste at recycling centres are among moves being considered to cut costs across Hampshire.

Reduced opening times for the centres and closures are also among the options as Hampshire County Council warned funding cuts were going to be harsher than predicted.

The council last week agreed to hold a consultation, asking residents for their views on how best to make savings in the way the centres were run.

The council's executive member for environment, Sean Woodward, said the scale of Government cuts "was much more severe than we had expected".

He added: "We have a large number of household waste recycling centres in Hampshire compared with other areas.

"They are open seven days a week, only closing on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, and it is clear we are no longer in a financial position to be able to provide this level of service."

Dates for the consultation are yet to be confirmed. Responses will be presented to Cllr Woodward to make a decision on any changes later in the year.

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News Bites**Flippin' good fun**

ALTON: Residents are being urged to get their frying pans at the ready and enter Alton's Traditional Pancake Race next month.

The Pancake Day contest on Tuesday, February 16 starts at 11.30am in Alton's Public Gardens. Races for children and adults, costing £1, will be held along with relay events.

Participants are being encouraged to don fancy dress. Free hot pancakes will be dished out on the day.

Sign up at Alton Town Hall in Market Square or online at alton.gov.uk.

Dates agreed

HAMPSHIRE: School term and holiday dates have been agreed by Hampshire County Council for the 2017/18 academic year.

Autumn term will run from September 4 to December 21, 2017, with a half term from October 23 to 27.

Spring term will be January 4 to March 29, 2018, with a half term from February 12 to 16, while summer term is to run from April 16 to July 23, 2018, with a half term from May 28 to June 1.

Have your say online

Golly is chosen as mascot for charity

A NEW charity based in North Hampshire supporting educational and agricultural projects in west Africa has been launched, with the iconic golly doll as its mascot.

Gollynomics was the brainchild of Hook grandmother Charlotte Nightingale after she spent the past four years selling the dolls at fairs to raise money for projects in her native Ghana.

After seeing how popular they were, especially with senior citizens, Charlotte decided to adopt the golly as the mascot for her charity with the hope of raising even more money.

"Four years ago, I became aware that the gollies were banned because they were offending black people," said Charlotte.

"I'm black, I'm from Ghana and I didn't know this was the case, and I thought this is nonsense.

"Gollies had a universal appeal, and it was because of that I decided to adopt it as our mascot for the struggling charitable programmes in Ghana."

Gollynomics will provide funding for Tetnight Education in providing sustainable education in Ghana, and the Lamkotet

By Adam Flinn

social enterprise which helps support young farmers.

The dolls were made popular in the 1900s by African Americans celebrating their culture, although since the 1980s have been subject to complaints of being racially offensive - something Charlotte disagrees with.

She added: "What happened is the golly became an innocent victim of well-intentioned political correctness - it doesn't offend black people.

"Most people living in Africa have never seen a golly, and when they do they say 'I like this very much, can I get one of these?'. They actually love the gollies because it's the most

popular doll on the planet, the best-dressed with a tailcoat, stripy trousers and a bow tie.

"And that's why we're doing this really, and help make sure people in Ghana are employed and have a roof over their heads so there's no reason why they would want to jump on a boat and end up somewhere else."

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Pensioner, 92, loses £15,000 to cold caller in lottery scam

A 92-YEAR-OLD Alton man was scammed of more than £15,000 by a telephone cold caller who persuaded him to buy tickets for lotteries in Australia and Europe.

The fraudster urged the man to buy 75 Irish lottery tickets, telling him a good win was common, in March 2015.

When the victim agreed, he was asked for his bank debit card details and told details would be posted to him.

A few days later, he was asked if he was interested in other lotteries. The victim said he might be and he was told that tickets would be purchased for him in the Italian and Australian lotteries.

Over three months, nine more payments were made, most without the victim's agreement.

The victim contacted his bank when he realised money had been taken without consent.

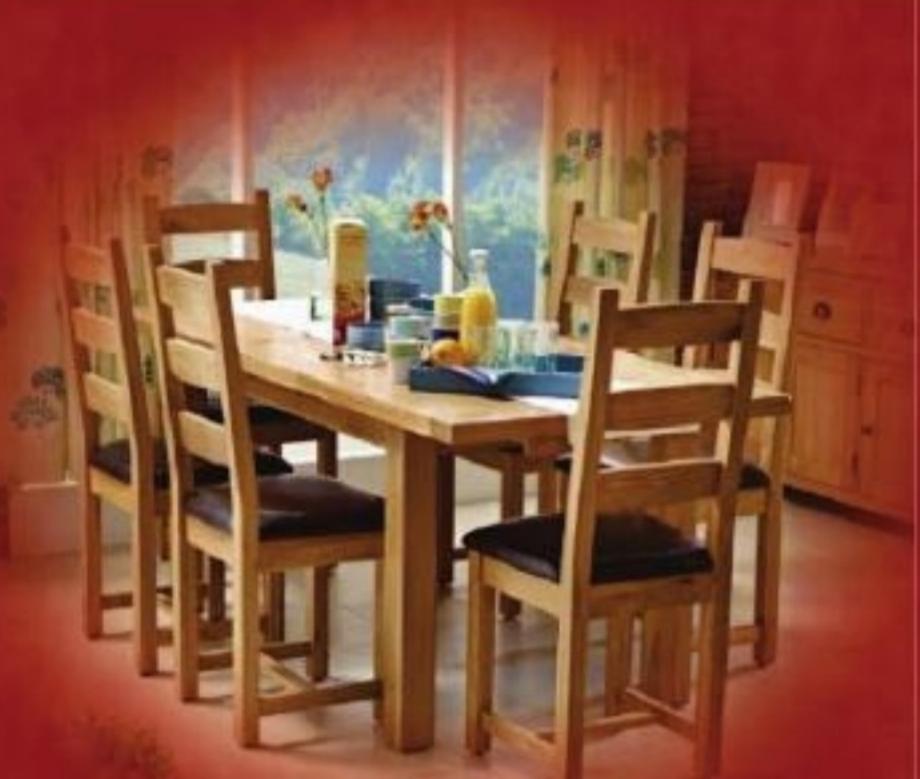
Hampshire Constabulary issued a warning last week.

Inspector Louise Rooks said it was the only report of the scam police had received.

She added: "I'm keen that you should contact us on 101 to assist the investigation if you have been harassed by someone trying to sell you lottery tickets over the phone."



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Computer experts wanted by police to combat cyber crime

SPECIALIST volunteers are to be used to help Hampshire police fight cyber crime as part of a new pilot project.

Hampshire Constabulary is looking for highly-trained IT workers to become special constables as part of the Cyber Special Constable and Cyber Volunteer Programme (CSCV).

The first stage of the project will see two special constables and one volunteer within the force's cyber support team work 16 hours a month in a range of roles such as advising on live digital investigations and analysing phones for evidence.



• Police and crime commissioner Simon Hayes

By Christian Wilson

Hampshire police and crime commissioner Simon Hayes last month announced £1.5million of funding to help combat cyber crime over the next three years.

Mr Hayes said: "As we embrace technology and conduct our lives online, so crime has changed and moved online to follow us.

"In fact, the Home Office expects cyber crime to exceed traditional crime by next year.

"In order to protect us, and to prevent and pursue cyber crime, the police must be funded to uplift their efforts to respond to victims."

The initiative was highlighted by Home Secretary Theresa May during a visit to Hampshire Constabulary's new Forensic Innovation Centre in Portsmouth last month.

Hampshire's police force will work alongside Gloucestershire Constabulary over the next 12 months as part of the project, with a decision then set to be made over whether to roll the pilot out nationally.

Cyber crimes range from online fraud, to holding data to ransom, to child sexual exploitation.

And Hampshire Chief Specials Officer Tom Haye has insisted that the move would not undermine the work of the existing police officers in Hampshire.

He said: "In the same way we build partnerships in neighbourhood policing, we're working with our IT community to recruit new police volunteers and special constables with specific skills and experience to be able to enhance our expertise and effectiveness.

"The nature of crime is changing, and this pilot project is about helping the police force progress to take on new and more sophisticated criminal cyber threats by having a wider range of people with the best possible specialist abilities.

"Cyber special constables and

cyber police support volunteers have tremendous potential to reinforce, not replace, the knowledge and capability of the workforce."

For more details on the project, visit hampshire.police.uk/internet/about-us/join-us/employee-supported-policing.

Subaru stolen in Popley break-in

AN INVESTIGATION has begun after a car was stolen during a burglary in Popley.

A purse, wallets, keys, bank cards and two watches were also taken in the burglary in Bermuda Close.

After breaking in, burglars took the keys to a blue Subaru Impreza and made off in the vehicle, which was later found by police in the Chineham area.

The incident took place between Midnight and 6am on Saturday, January 16, with police urging residents to keep their car keys out of sight when left unattended at all times.

Hampshire Constabulary officers also advised members of the public to remember to secure all windows and doors in their homes and not to leave house keys on show to possible intruders.

Anyone who was in the area at the time of the burglary and saw anything suspicious or who has any information as to who might have been involved is asked to contact Basingstoke CID on 101, quoting 44160023062. Alternatively, information can be left anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

News Bites

Claimants rise

BASINGSTOKE: A total of 25 more people claimed Jobseeker's Allowance in Basingstoke in December than during the previous month, new figures have revealed.

The Office for National Statistics' (ONS) figures showed 590 people to be unemployed and looking for work in the town – an eight per cent decrease on a year previously.

The number of allowance claimants aged between 18 and 24 remained at 100, while the claimant count rose from 715 to 750 across Basingstoke and Deane as a whole.

Stolen bike plea

BAUGHURST: An appeal has been launched by police to track down the whereabouts of a motorcycle stolen in Baughurst.

The yellow Suzuki RM-Z250LS, which has the num-



ber 92 displayed on the front and both the sides, was taken from a garage at an address in Syshack Lane between 9pm last Tuesday and 7.30am the next day.

PC Timothy Allen, of Basingstoke police station, said: "This is a distinctive off-road motorcycle.

"If you see it or have any information about where it is, please get in touch.

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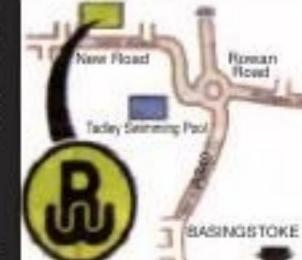
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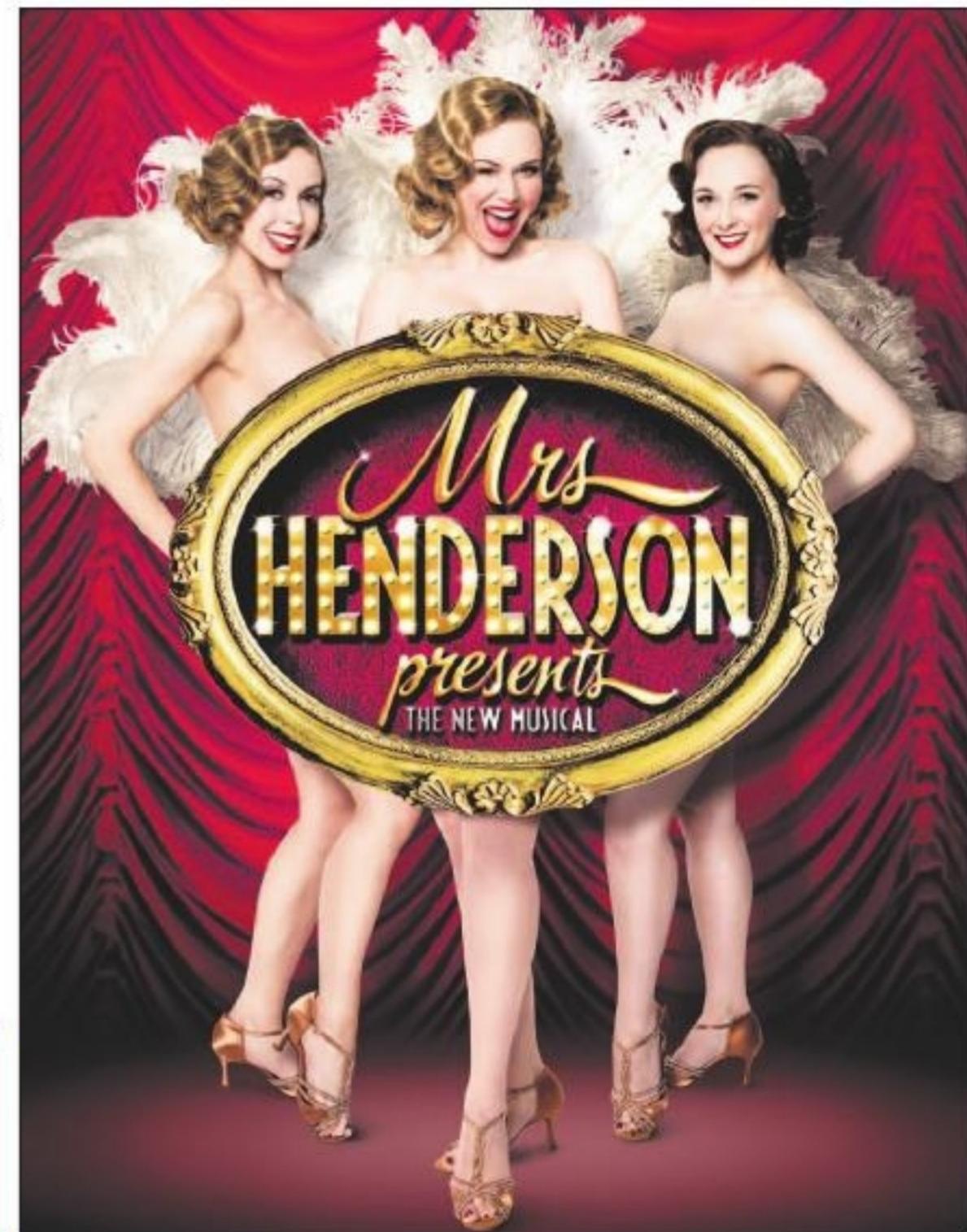
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- 10 Shorten (7)
- 11 Distribute (5)
- 12 Kind of boat (5)
- 13 Stripping (9)
- 16 Stars (9)
- 19 Rule (5)
- 20 Superior (5)
- 22 Chewed (7)
- 23 Provided with (7)
- 24 Slumbers (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Frightened (6)
- 2 Letters (4)
- 3 Political wisdom (13)
- 5 Fairground attractions (5-2-6)
- 6 Tempters (8)
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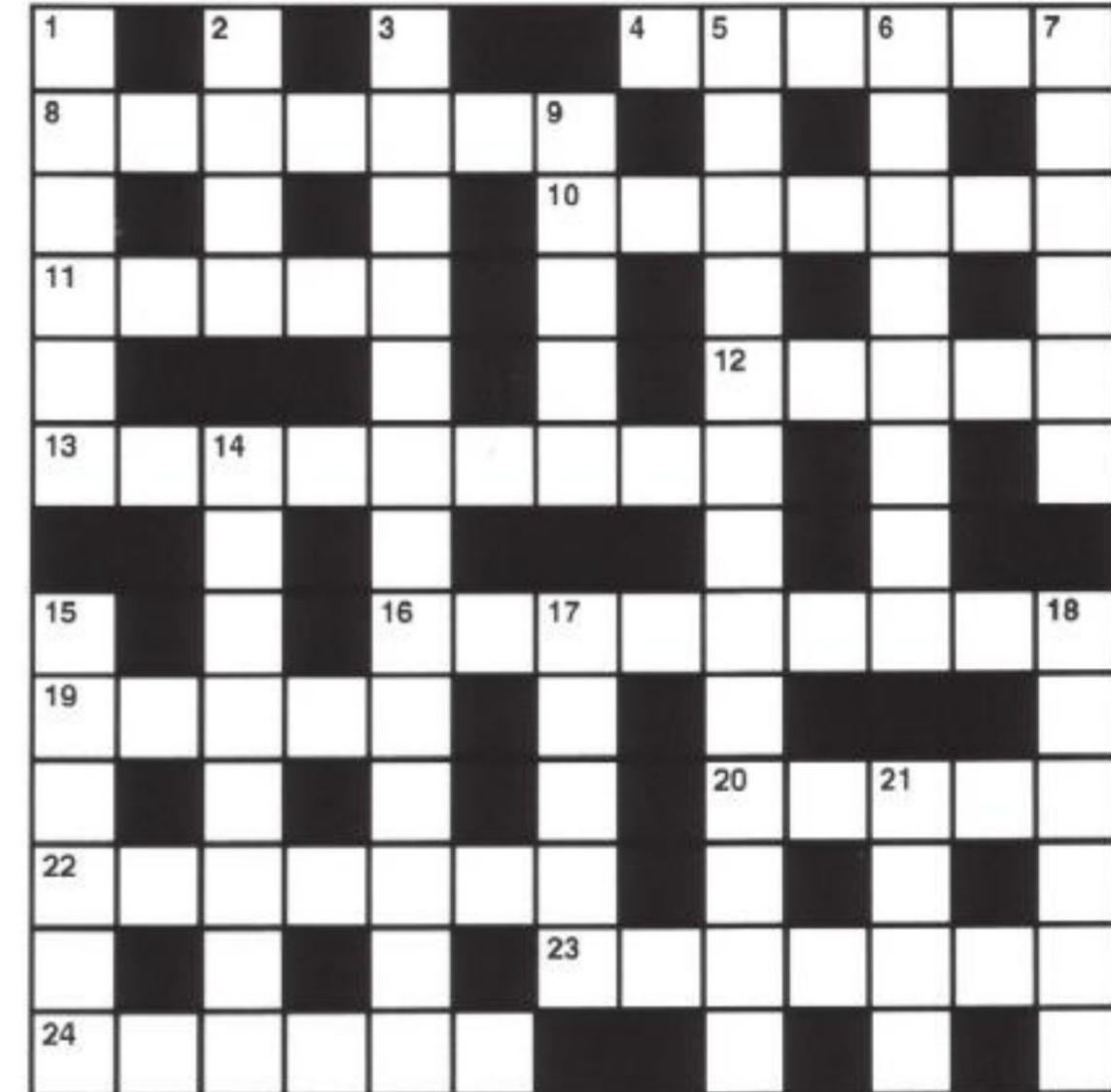
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Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 I leave the dream to worship (6)
- 8 So do our ingredients become fragrant (7)
- 10 Placed the cold tea elsewhere ... (7)
- 11 ... and turned over the book to find some inside showing signs of heat (5)
- 12 Kind of animal with father outside and inside (5)
- 13 One result of the reproductive system (9)
- 16 Repiled there could be some grass round the southern lake (9)
- 19 Four immersed in drink, but still breathing (5)
- 20 Change part of the place of worship, by the sound of it (5)
- 22 Enquired about part of the Bible that could be reproduced (7)
- 23 The curve otherwise is round the edge (7)
- 24 It takes a worker on the land to steer at sea (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Loose talk of the swine turning back about an unusual call for help (6)
- 2 Propose to change houses (4)
- 3 Accommodation for the fresh-air fiend? (4,2,7)
- 5 The rule does not apply to a friend in unusual circumstances (13)
- 6 Enlarged externally, contracted, then finished (8)
- 7 The last organ to gain affection (6)
- 9 Incline to a particular angle (5)
- 14 Person of authority who is off before one secular uprising (8)
- 15 Projection that sounds as if one should strike it (6)
- 17 Dig this card (5)
- 18 Obscure, having taken refuge in study (6)
- 21 Record the conversation at the finishing post (4)



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

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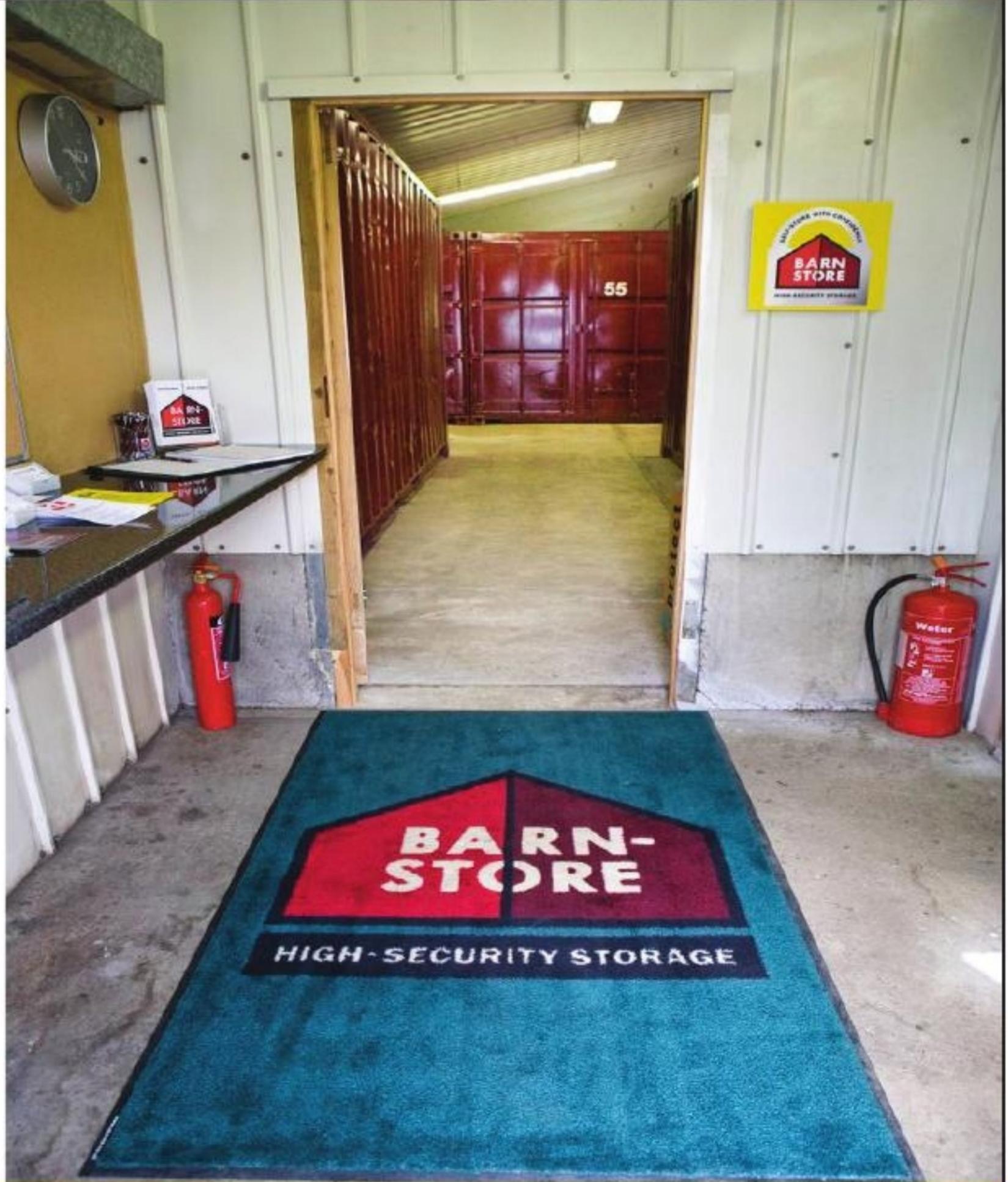
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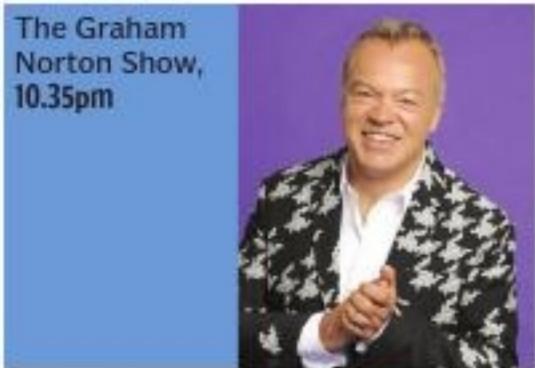
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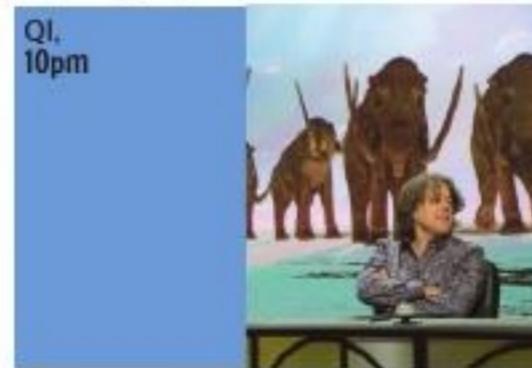
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BBC1



The Graham Norton Show, 10.35pm

BBC2



QI, 10pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 The Housing Enforcers** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Wanted Down Under** (S) **11.45 Emergency Rescue Down Under** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 Father Brown** A day out at a local hill climb track ends in disaster. (S)(R) **3.00 For What It's Worth** (S) **3.45 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S)(R) **4.30 Antiques Road Trip** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes** (S)

7.00 The One Show Hosted by Matt Baker and Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 MOTD Live: The FA Cup Derby County v Manchester United (kick-off 7.55pm). Coverage of the match in the fourth round of the famous competition. (S)

8.00 Mastermind Specialist subjects include the Great Train Robbery.
8.30 What to Buy and Why The protection offered to runners by expensive trainers. (S)

9.00 Winterwatch 2016 Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Martin Hughes-Games reveal some of this winter's more unusual spectacles, with reports on wildcats, golden eagles and deer. (S)

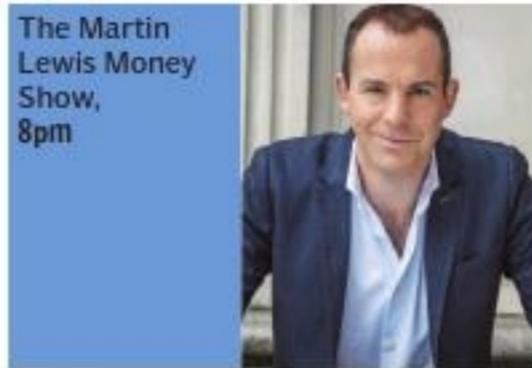
10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather (S)
10.35 The Graham Norton Show With Will Smith, Ryan Reynolds, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Toby Jones and Zayn Malik. (S)

11.25 Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits (S)(R)
11.55 The Celebrity Apprentice USA (S)

1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.35 BBC News (S)

12.05 FILM The Rookie (2002) (U) Fact-based baseball drama, starring Dennis Quaid. (S) **2.05 Sign Zone: Question Time** (S)(R) **3.05 David Beckham: For the Love of the Game** (S)(R) **4.30 This Is BBC Two** (S)

ITV



The Martin Lewis Money Show, 8pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather** (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **2.00 Judge Rinder** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (S) **3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** The dealers seek trades in Milton Keynes. (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S) **5.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather** (S)

7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip TV presenters Johnny Ball and John Craven embark on a quest to unearth collectibles in Hampshire and Dorset, with help from experts Charles Hanson and Philip Serrall. (S)(R)

8.00 Mastermind Specialist subjects include the Great Train Robbery.
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9.00 Mr Selfridge Harry announces to a group of journalists that the Selfridge group has purchased a raft of new stores, while staff prepare for a visit by celebrated writer AA Milne. (S)

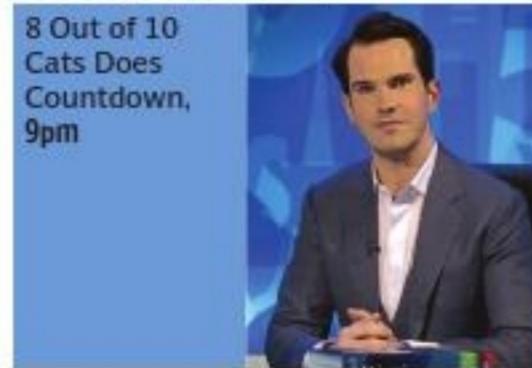
10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.40 Birds of a Feather Tracey throws Sharon and Dorian out. (S)(R)

11.10 FILM On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969) (PG) Spy adventure, with George Lazenby, Telly Savalas and Diana Rigg. (S)

1.40 Jackpot247 **3.00 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

12.55 FILM Fatal Attraction (1987) (18) (S) 2.55 Undercover Boss USA (S)(R) **3.50 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent** (S)(R) **4.45 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites** (S)(R) **5.00 Deal or No Deal** (S)(R) **5.50 The King of Queens** (S)(R)

Channel 4



8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, 9pm

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.30 Undercover Boss USA** (S)(R) **11.30 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **2.10 Deal or No Deal** Beat-the-banker game show. (S) **3.10 Countdown** With guest Nicholas Owen. (S) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** Seeking a holiday home in Antigua. (S) **5.00 Come Dine with Me** The dinner party challenge arrives in Northampton. (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** Homer resolves to be more generous. (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast Culinary duo Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty tutor broadcaster Fearne Cotton in cooking fish tacos. Plus, how to build a simple DIY coffee bean roaster from an old barbecue. (S)

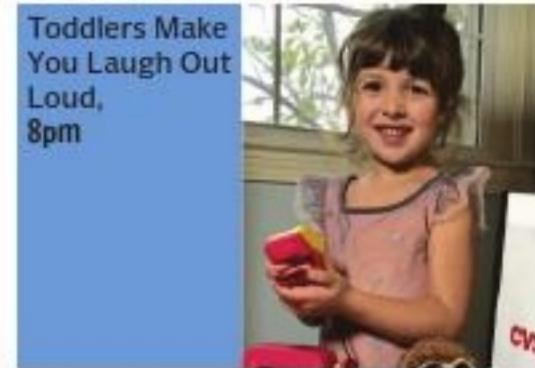
9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr invites Sean Lock and Miles Jupp to go up against Jon Richardson and Sara Pascoe in the words-and-numbers quiz. (S)

10.00 The Last Leg Goes Down Under Part one of two. Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker join Australian Adam Hills as he heads to his native wilderness for the ultimate Outback road trip. (S)

11.05 Virtually Famous Comedy panel show, hosted by Kevin McHale. (S)(R)
11.50 Rude Tube The internet's would-be mad scientists and their inventions. (S)(R)

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Channel 5



Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! **9.15 The Wright Stuff** **11.10 Cowboy Builders** (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Celebrity Big Brother** (S)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS** Part one of two. The agents travel to LA to work with another NCIS team. (S)(R) **3.15 FILM Look Again** (2011) (15) Thriller, starring Morena Baccarin and Paul Christie. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** Paul hopes that Terese's advance might be the start of something meaningful. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 Pets Who Hate Vets Vet Kat Rhodes tries to help the owners of various vet-hating pets to reduce their animal friends' anxiety at attending their local surgery; (S)(R) **5 News Update** (S)

8.00 Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud Compilation of internet videos featuring youngsters doing bizarre and humorous things, featuring a six-year-old performing Aretha Franklin's Respect; (S) **5 News Update** (S)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction The latest from the house, as host Emma Willis takes to the stage to evict another household name by announcing the results of the latest public vote. (S)

10.00 Lip Sync Battle UK: Katherine Ryan v Kayvan Novak The two comedians compete. (S)
10.30 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction Emma Willis talks to the latest housemate to be evicted. (S)

11.05 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side Rylan Clark-Neal presents the CBB companion show. (S)

12.00 SuperCasino **3.10 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction** (S)(R) **4.00 Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction** (S) **4.25 Tattoo Disasters** (S)(R) **4.45 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.10 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.35 House Doctor** (S)(R)

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6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen** Live (S) **11.30 Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking** (S)(R) **12.00 BBC News**; Weather (S) **12.10 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 Tennis: Australian Open Highlights** (S) **2.30 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **3.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.00 Final Score** Round-up of football results. (S) **5.10 Now You See It** (S) **5.40 BBC News** (S) **5.50 BBC Regional News**; Weather (S) **6.00 Pointless Celebrities** Various stars from the sporting world take part in the unorthodox quiz show. (S) **6.50 The Getaway Car** Presented by Dermot O'Leary. (S)

7.45 The Voice UK Former Liberty X singer Kevin Simm takes to the stage as Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson appraise more hopeful stars in the fourth of seven "blind auditions". (S)

9.10 Casualty Dixie's disciplinary hearing gets off to a bad start. (S)

10.00 The National Lottery Live (S) **10.10 BBC News**; Weather (S) **10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights** Highlights of the latest FA Cup fourth-round ties, including Arsenal v Burnley; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11.50 FILM Lara Croft: Tomb Raider – The Cradle of Life (2003) (12) Action adventure sequel, starring Angelina Jolie and Gerard Butler. (S)

1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.40 BBC News** (S)

6.30 Race to Super Bowl 50 (S)(R) **7.20 FILM Cowboy** (1958) (U) (S) **8.45 FILM The Quick Gun** (1964) (PG) (S) **10.10 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.10 Natural World** (S)(R) **12.00 Best Bakes Ever** (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Fire Down Below** (1957) (PG) (S) **3.20 FILM Funny Lady** (1975) (PG) Sequel to musical comedy **Funny Girl**, with Barbra Streisand, James Caan and Omar Sharif. (S) **5.35 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip** James Bolam and Susan Jameson take part in the challenge. (S)(R) **6.35 King George and Queen Mary: The Royals Who Rescued the Monarchy** (S)(R)

7.35 Dad's Army The platoon has to share the church hall with the ARP wardens. (S)(R)

8.05 The Real Marigold Hotel Eight celebrities embark on an experimental adventure to Jaipur in India, to test whether they can set up a more rewarding retirement than in the UK. (S)(R)

9.05 Live at the Apollo Noel Fielding hosts, with guests Dane Baptiste and Al Porter. (S)(R)

9.50 Insert Name Here Comedy panel game, hosted by Sue Perkins. (S)(R)

10.20 FILM Perfume: The Story of a Murderer (2006) (15) A mentally unstable perfumer's apprentice in 18th-century France resorts to murder to capture the perfect scent. Period thriller, with Ben Whishaw. (S)

12.35 FILM Bright Days Ahead (2013) (15) Romantic drama, starring Fanny Ardant and Laurent Lafitte. **2.05 This Is BBC Two** (S)

ITV

Ninja Warrior
UK,
7pm



6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled! (S) **7.35 Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series** (S)(R) **7.50 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry** (S)(R) **8.10 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters** (S) **8.30 Scrambled!: Jessie** (S) **9.05 Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show** (S)(R) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **10.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **12.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **1.30 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **2.30 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **3.30 Doc Martin** (S)(R) **4.30 The Martin Lewis Money Show** (S)(R) **5.00 The Chase** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.30 New You've Been Framed!** (S)

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK The semi-finals arrive, abd Ben Shephard, Rochelle Humes and Chris Kamara challenge the contestants who survived the heats to test their endurance on the obstacle course once again. (S)

8.00 Take Me Out A hypnotist, a broker, a landscape gardener and a "body double" ride the "love lift" in the hopes of winning the affections of Paddy McGuinness's 30 single ladies. (S)

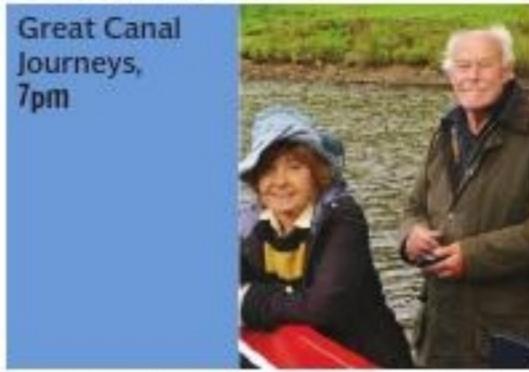
9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show The host is joined in the studio by actress Brenda Blethyn, who discusses the return of Northumberland-set detective drama **Vera**, and re-emerging singer-songwriter Craig David. (S)

10.15 ITV News; Weather (S) **10.30 FILM The Lost World: Jurassic Park** (1997) (PG) Steven Spielberg's adventure sequel, with Jeff Goldblum and Julianne Moore. (S)

12.45 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen**

Channel 4

Great Canal
Journeys,
7pm



6.15 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.05 Snowdonia Marathon** Highlights of the 2015 race. (S) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** Racing preview from Cheltenham. (S) **10.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **11.00 The Big Bang Theory** Simon Helberg, Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting and Johnny Galecki star. (S)(R) **12.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Cheltenham and Doncaster. (S) **4.00 Come Dine with Me** British wrestling promoter Dale Harvey hosts the first dinner party in Derby. (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales travel from Birmingham to Braunston to attend a festival of vintage canal boats. Along the way, they meet a boatman who was born on a canal boat. (S)(R)

8.00 Amazing Spaces: Floating Homes George Clarke follows designer friend Max McMurdo as he builds his own floating home in a 40ft shipping container, mooring it in a local marina to begin a new life on the water. (S)

9.00 FILM Now You See Me (2013) (12) Premiere. An FBI agent investigates four magicians who use their lavish stage shows as cover for seemingly impossible heists. Crime thriller, with Jesse Eisenberg and Mark Ruffalo. (S)

11.15 FILM The Hole (2009) (12) Three kids discover a mysterious hole in a basement, which leads to a strange world where they must face their worst fears. Horror, with Chris Massoglia. (S)

1.05 Hollyoaks (S)(R) **3.10 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent** (S)(R) **4.05 Beat My Build** (S)(R) **5.00 Deal or No Deal** (S)(R) **5.50 How I Met Your Mother** (S)(R)

UK 6.00 Motorway Cops **8.00 Not Going Out** **10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You** **12.00 QI XL** **1.00 Not Going Out** **2.45 Only Connect** **4.00 Home Shopping SKY1 SKY: 106**

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00 Game Changers** **8.30 Football Freestyle** **9.00 The Fantasy Football Club** **10.00 Soccer AM** **12.00 What's Up**

12.30 RSPCA Animal Rescue **1.00 Modern Family** **4.00 Futurama** **7.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **8.00 Hawaii Five-0**

9.00 FILM: Snakes on a Plane (2006) (15) Thriller, starring Samuel L Jackson. **11.00 A League of Their Own** **12.00 Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life** **1.00 Highway Patrol** **2.00 Flintoff: Lord of the Fries** **3.00 Night Cops** **4.00 Inside Gatwick** **5.00 UK Border Force SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108**

6.00 The Guest Wing **8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise** **1.00 David Attenborough's Galapagos** **2.00 House** **4.00 Without a Trace** **8.00 Blue Bloods** **9.00 Game of Thrones** **11.35 The Sopranos** **12.50 The Affair** **3.15 House of Lies** **3.50 Doll & Em** **4.15 The Guest Wing**

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6.00 Milkshake! **8.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles** (S)(R) **9.30 The Saturday Show** (S) **11.45 Funniest Falls, Fails & Flops** (S)(R) **12.15 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **2.15 Now That's Funny!** Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (S)(R) **3.15 Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud** Clip show featuring entertaining pups. (S)(R) **4.15 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud** Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud Internet videos featuring youngsters doing bizarre and humorous things. (S)(R) **6.10 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** (S)(R)

7.00 World War II in Colour Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour in 1941. (S)(R) **7.55 World War II Battlefield Recovery** The excavation team explores trenches in Latvia's Courland peninsula. (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 The Championship: Football League Tonight The latest Championship matches. (S) **9.30 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight** A round-up of all the goals from League One and League Two. (S)

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother Catching up with the celebrities as they react to Friday night's eviction, revealing how the latest departure has affected the remaining contestants. (S)

11.00 Fat, Fabulous and Filthy Rich People who are cashing in on the fuller figure, from a woman blazing a trail in the plus-size world with dating sites to a man making large coffins. (S)(R)

12.00 SuperCasino **3.10 Celebrity Big Brother** (S)(R) **4.00 Celebrity Botched Up Bodies** (S)(R) **4.50 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.20 House Doctor** (S)(R) **5.45 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R) **5.50 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R)

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 **The Hot Desk**: Ella Henderson **6.10 Emmerdale**
8.55 Coronation Street **11.20 Ninja Warrior UK** **12.20 Scorpion** **1.20 You've Been Framed!** **Gold** **1.50 FILM: Small Soldiers** (1998) (PG) Children's adventure, with Kirsten Dunst. **4.00 FILM: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas** (2000) (PG) Family comedy prequel, starring Mark Addy. **5.50 Catchphrase Celebrity Special** **6.50 FILM: The Mummy** (1999) (12) Fantasy action adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. **9.15 Take Me Out** - The Gossip **10.15 FILM: Little Man** (2006) (12) Comedy, starring Marion Wayans. **12.10 The Keith Lemon Sketch Show** **12.40 Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands** **1.40 Viral Tap** **2.15 Totally Bonkers** **Guinness World Records** **2.35 Planet's Funniest Animals** **3.00 Teleshopping**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 **Where the Heart Is** **6.50 The Royal** **9.50 A Touch of Frost** **12.00 FILM: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's** (1960) (U) Comedy, starring Cecil Parker. **2.00 The Return of Sherlock Holmes** **4.15 FILM: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes** (2000) (15) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Billy Connolly. **6.05 Midsomer Murders** **10.00 Agatha Christie's Marple** **12.05 Marchlands** **1.05 The Return of Sherlock Holmes** **2.00 Man About the House** **2.30 Teleshopping**

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00 Top Gear** **9.10 FILM: Die Hard with a Vengeance** (1995) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **11.10 Family Guy** **1.25 Siblings** **1.55 Great Movie Mistakes** V: Revenge of the Fifth **2.05 FILM: National Treasure: Book of Secrets** (2007) (PG) Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 How Earth Made Us **8.00 Shipwrecks**: Britain's Sunken History **9.00 The Young Montalbano** **4.45 Music Moguls: Masters of Pop** **11.45 It's Only Rock 'n' Roll: Rock 'n' Roll at the BBC** **12.45 Danny Baker's Great Album Showdown** **1.45 Top of the Pops**: 1981 **3.05 Sounds of the Eighties** **3.35 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rules of Engagement **6.45 Baby Daddy** **7.40 Melissa & Joey** **8.35 How I Met Your Mother** **9.30 The Goldbergs** **10.30 The Goldbergs: At the Movies** **12.00 The Goldbergs** **1.00 Come Dine with Me** **3.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **4.00 The Goldbergs** **5.00 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 FILM: Safe House** (2012) (15) Thriller, with Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds. **11.15 Gogglebox** **1.25 Virtually Famous** **2.15 The Inbetweeners** **3.05 The IT Crowd** **4.00 Rules of Engagement** **5.05 Revenge**
MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.30 Time Team** **11.40 FILM: The Thirty-Nine Steps** (1959) (U) Spy thriller, starring Kenneth More. **1.35 Four in a Bed** **4.10 Britain's Favourite Children's Books** with David Walliams **5.50 Beatrice Potter** with Patricia Routledge **6.55 Grand Designs** **9.00 Great Pyramid: Treasures Decoded** **10.05 Egypt's Queen Nefertiti: Treasures Decoded** **11.10 Father Ted** **12.15 8 Out of 10 Cats**

5.45 The French Connection (1971) (18) **4.00 Close**
DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 American Pickers **8.00 Top Gear** **10.00 Storage Hunters UK** **12.30 Sin City Motors** **1.30 Lizard Lick Towing** **2.30 Beverly Hills Pawn** **3.30 Storage Hunters**

Does Countdown **2.20 Spin** **3.25 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites** **3.35 Close**
FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 The Last Mimzy (2007) (PG) Children's fantasy, starring Chris O'Neill. **1.00 The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** (2010) (PG) Fantasy adventure, with Georgie Henley and Skandar Keynes. **3.10 Beaches** (1988) (12) Drama, starring Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey. **5.35 California Man** (1992) (PG) Teen comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **7.15 Post Grad** (2009) (12) Comedy, starring Alexis B

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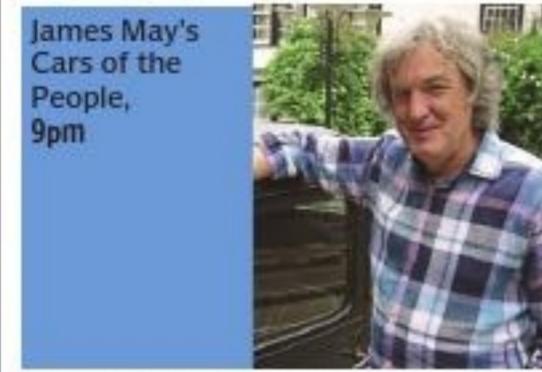
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Countryfile,
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BBC2



James May's
Cars of the
People,
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ITV



Beowulf:
Return to the
Shieldlands,
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Channel 4



Deutschland
83,
9pm

Channel 5



Celebrity
Botched Up
Bodies,
10pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) 7.40 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights Action from the FA Cup fourth-round ties. (S)(R)
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S)
10.00 The Big Questions (S) 11.00 Sunday Politics (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Songs of Praise (S) 1.50 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 2.35 The Great Sport Relief Bake Off Four celebrities compete in the culinary competition. (S)(R) 3.35 **Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup** Milton Keynes Dons v Chelsea (kick-off 4.00pm). (S)
6.30 BBC News (S) 6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)

7.00 Countryfile A round-up on how winter is affecting rural areas, featuring reports on hill farming, migrating birds, hybrid wolves that have adapted to the cold, cod fishing and endangered sheep. (S)

8.00 Call the Midwife Patsy and Dr Turner try to trace the outbreak of a rare disease to its source, and Barbara worries about how Trixie will react when she agrees to go to dinner with Tom. (S)

9.00 War & Peace Pierre's eyes are opened to the horrors of war, Natasha falls ill and Andrei swears revenge as Napoleon's forces invade Russia and preparations are made to meet them in battle. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights Action from today's fourth-round ties. (S)

11.00 Live at the Apollo Comedy sets by Sarah Millican, Joe Lycett and Russell Kane. (S)(R)
11.30 FILM My Brother the Devil (2012) (15) Premiere. Drama, starring James Floyd. (S)

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.20 BBC News (S)

ITV2 SKY: 11.8 FV: 6
6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold 6.25 Emmerdale 9.10 Coronation Street 11.40 Take Me Out 1.00 Take Me Out - The Gossip 2.00 FILM: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) 3.45 FILM: The Mummy Returns (2001) (PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. 6.15 FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) 8.00 FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen. 11.15 FILM: American Pie Presents Band Camp (2005) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Tad Hilgenbrink and Eugene Levy. 1.05 Release the Hounds. Hosted by Reggie Yates. 2.05 Planet's Funniest Animals 2.30 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 11.9 FV: 10
6.00 Rising Damp 6.25 On the Buses 7.35 FILM: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) (U) 9.30 Heartbeat 11.35 FILM: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes (2000) (15) 1.30 The Return of Sherlock Holmes 3.55

Agatha Christie's Marple 5.55 Midsomer Murders 8.00 The Secret Life of Dogs 9.00 Caroline Quentin's National Parks 10.00 The Kindness of Strangers 11.35 FILM: Meet Joe Black (1998) (12) Romantic fantasy remake, starring Brad Pitt. 2.50 Secret Smile 4.05 On the Buses 4.35 Heartbeat 5.25 Movies Now 5.35 ITV3 Nightscreen
BBC3 SKY: 11.5 FV: 7
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D 7.05 Great TV Mistakes 7.35 The Voice UK 9.00 FILM: Meet the Parents (2000) (12) Comedy, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller. 10.45 Russell Howard's Good News 11.15 Family Guy 12.20 Cuckoo 3.20 Emergency Rescue Down Under 3.50 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth 4.00 Close
BBC4 SKY: 11.6 FV: 9
7.00 Pierre Boulez at the BBC: Master and Maverick 8.00 Russia's Lost Princesses 9.00 Tales from the Royal Bedchamber 10.00 FILM: A Death Row Tale: The Fear of 13 (2015) (15) Premiere. A prisoner convicted of murder tells his story. 11.30 Horizon: What Is Reality? 12.30 The Brain with David Eagleman 1.30 Rock 'n' Roll America 2.30 Sounds of the Eighties 2.55 Danny Baker's Great Album Showdown 3.55 Close
E4 SKY: 13.6 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube 6.20 Baby Daddy 7.00 Melissa & Joey 8.00 The Goldbergs 9.00 How I Met Your Mother 10.00 Hollyoaks 12.20 Couples Come Dine with Me 2.35 FILM: Sister Act (1992) (PG) Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg. 4.35 The Goldbergs 5.35 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 10.00 Tattoo Fixers 11.00 Rude Tube 12.05 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 How I Met Your Mother 3.45 Hollyoaks
MORE4 SKY: 13.8 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures 9.25 Come Dine with Me 12.00 Jamie's 15 Minute Meals 12.35 Building the Dream 1.40 Beatrix Potter with Patricia Routledge 2.40 Four in a Bed 5.25 Come Dine with Me 8.00 Tiny House Nation 9.00 FILM: Season of the Witch (2011) (15) Fantasy adventure, starring Nicolas Cage. 10.50 24 Hours in A&E 11.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 12.55 24 Hours in A&E 3.00 Tiny House Nation 3.55 Close
FILM4 SKY: 3.15 FV: 15
11.00 None Shall Escape (1944) (PG) 1.00 City of Ember (2008) (PG) 2.50 Big Business (1988) (PG) Comedy, starring Bette Midler and Lily Tomlin. 4.45 Horton Hears a Who! (2008) (U) 6.25 A Knight's Tale (2001) (PG) Medieval comedy adventure, starring Heath Ledger. 9.00 The Two Faces of January (2014) (12) Thriller, starring Viggo Mortensen. 10.50 Law Abiding Citizen (2009) (18) Thriller, starring Gerard Butler and Jamie Foxx. 1.00 French Connection II (1975) (18) 3.25 Close
DAVE SKY: 1.11 FV: 12
7.10 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green 8.00 Ice Road Truckers 9.00 Top Gear 10.00 Motorway Cops 12.00 Ice Road Truckers 1.00 Sin City Motors 2.00 Trawlers 3.30 Storage Hunters UK 6.00 Top Gear

9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 10.00 QI XL 11.00 Crackanory 11.40 Room 101 1.00 QI XL 2.00 8 Out of 10 Cats 3.15 Only Connect 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? 8.00 Monkey Life 11.00 WWE: Raw 12.00 Wild Things 1.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 2.00 Futurama 4.00 Modern Family 6.00 The Simpsons 8.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 9.00 Hawaii Five-0 10.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 11.00 Stop, Search, Seize 12.00 Air Ambulance ER 1.00 Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets 2.00 Stop, Search, Seize 3.00 Night Cops 4.00 Inside Gatwick 5.00 UK Border Force

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 The Guest Wing 8.00 The West Wing 1.00 David Attenborough's Galapagos 3.00 Without a Trace 7.00 House 9.00 Band of Brothers 11.35 The Sopranos 12.45 The Knick 1.55 The Affair 3.05 House of Lies 3.40 Doll & Em 4.05 The Guest Wing

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Band holds all aces

By James Richings

MEMBERS of The Triple Aces band will be bringing back a pack of memories from the 1950s when they perform at The Swan Inn in Alton.

The covers band will be putting in their regular monthly gig at the High Street pub on Thursday, February 4.

Made up of Sean Newens (double bass and vocals), Jonathan Hope (lead guitar), Matt Woolvert (rhythm guitar and vocals) and Dave Moffat (drums), the foursome perform well-known hits, but with an added twist.

"We play Rockabilly music, which is good old rock'n'roll mixed up with some country influences," drummer Dave told the Observer.

"Tracks to expect come from the likes of Elvis, Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Johnny Cash and Stray Cats to name a few."

"However, we also cover other songs from the 1950s to present day, and we put a rocking twist on them."

The band performing is a familiar sight at the pub, with the musicians having held a residency there since the summer.

In line with the members of most cover bands across the country, the quartet of musicians have to keep up with their jobs to pay the bills, keeping their



• The Triple Aces (from left) Sean Newens, Dave Moffat, Jonathan Hope and Matt Woolvert

music endeavours for the weekends and evenings.

But this does not seem to bother drummer Dave though, as the passionate performer jokingly described his bandmates and himself as 'enthusiastic amateurs'.

Dave also explained the riddle of why a band with four members was called The Triple Aces.

"The band has been going on for about a year, and originally the group played with no drummer, hence the Triple Aces," he said.

"I joined in May 2015 but the name stuck and we thought it would be quite funny as there's four of us."

He added: "We've all got day jobs to pay the bills and the band is just a great way to relax, have fun, and play live music."

"You can't beat seeing people enjoying themselves because of the music we are playing. It makes us all smile."

"The more the crowd enjoy it, the more we do too."

Outside of their musical endeavours, Dave works in insurance, Sean is a self-employed courier, Jonathan is an architect and Matt works in the textile industry.

The gig at The Swan Inn starts at 8pm and is free.

Comic issues message to abandon technology

LONDON-BASED comedian Chris Martin will be performing at The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon tomorrow evening, Friday, January 29.

The 29-year-old, whose run of shows will come to an end on March 10 in Glasgow, comes to the Station Road theatre as part of his 'This Show Has a Soundtrack' tour.

And with many younger members of the public being addicted to their iPhones, iPads and various other gadgets, Chris has urged them to put them down and try something different - which includes going to see his show.

"You know the film 'Magic Mike XXL' with really muscly American strippers? Well, my show is the complete opposite of that," Chris told the Observer.

"And it is important for people to go out and experience different stuff full stop."

"They need to put down their iPhones, stop going on Snapchat and live their lives."

After making his stand-up debut in 2005, the funny man has since toured across the world and has developed a strong fan base.

His debut solo show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2011 'Chris Martin. No. Not That One' finally put him on



the comedy map.

Yet, he still has not performed in Bordon and hopes that tomorrow's gig will help him attract a few more followers.

"I have never performed here before," he said.

"I'm excited as it's got Phoenix in the title."

"Anywhere named after a mythical creature has to have a fun up-for-it whimsical crowd?"

It starts at 8pm and tickets cost £12, or £10 for concessions.

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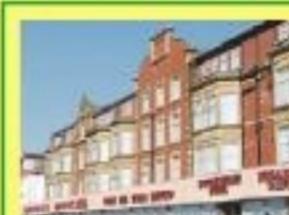
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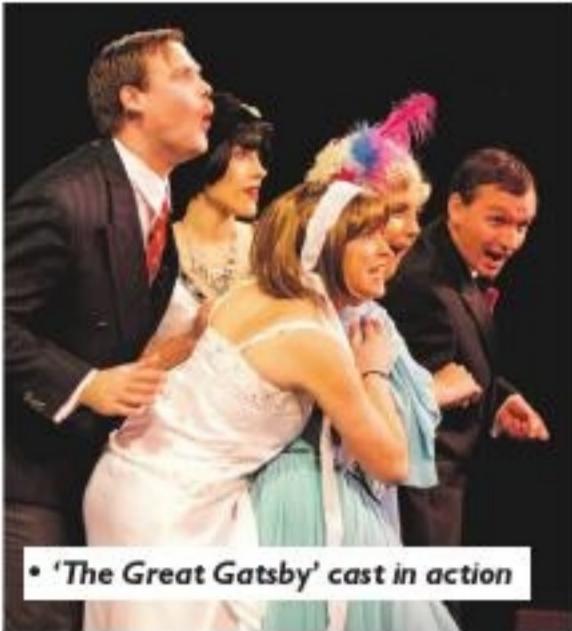
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Twenties tale comes to Basingstoke stage



• 'The Great Gatsby' cast in action

By James Richings

Nick becomes drawn into the fascinating world of money, in which he witnesses a number of illusions and deceptions and writes a tale of impossible love, dreams, and tragedy.

"For me, 'The Great Gatsby' is about the American dream, and indeed the 'manifest destiny' that we all have - 'Who am I going to be?' and 'What am I going to do with my life?'" actor Tom Neill, who plays George Wilson, told the Observer.

"Gatsby is a man with a dream, and we get to see how it works out for him."

The novel was met with mixed reviews when it was first published.

When Fitzgerald died in 1940 from a heart attack aged 44, he believed he had been a failure after his most famous piece of work only sold 20,000 copies in its first year.

But following his death, 'The Great Gatsby' was revived and was soon put on the curriculum of a number of different American high schools, which saw its popularity grow.

Over the next few decades, 'The Great

Gatsby' became one of the best-selling novels of the century, and has since seen the story moved on to the stage and big screen, with the most notable adaptation being the 2013 blockbuster of the same name, starring Leonardo Di Caprio.

"This is a gripping story with high drama and wonderful music from the roaring twenties with sumptuous costumes, an extravagant art-deco set and, for a few pounds extra, a lavishly printed programme that raises money for the charity Ataxia UK," Tom said.

"We had a show on the night Paris was attacked.

"We are usually quite full, but there were only 24 people in that night, and they were silent the whole way through and I thought they hated it.

"At the end, an old guy in the middle led a standing ovation for us.

"I was grateful for that, and it reminded me of how special it is that we can create and enjoy the arts in this country."

The show is suitable for over-12s. Tickets cost from £11 to £20 with the shows starting at either 2pm or 7.30pm.

THE famous 1925 novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald will be brought to life when 'The Great Gatsby' comes to The Haymarket in Basingstoke from Thursday, February 4, to Saturday, February 6.

When Nick Carraway arrives in 1922 New York in search of the American dream to become a writer, he moves in next door to and becomes friends with millionaire Jay Gatsby.

After the two form their friendship,

Award-winning Faye to play town concert

FOLK musician Fay Hield will visit The Anvil in Basingstoke on Wednesday, February 3.

The musician, who is on a nationwide tour, arrives at the Churchill Way venue following the release of her fourth studio album 'Old Adam'.

And with the success her previous album 'The Full English' achieved, including two awards at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2014, Fay hopes her latest record will follow suit.

"Old Adam" is a collection of reworked traditional songs, so the set on the night will feature tracks from that," Fay said.

"The sound varies festival stomping to ethereal atmospheric, at times a bit dark, and there are always choruses to join in with and foot-tapping tunes."

Fay will be accompanied by The Hurricane Party, a group which she formed in 2012 and subsequently supported her on her second studio album 'Orfeo', released in May 2012.

Yet amazingly, despite being a full-time musician nominated for numerous awards since her breakthrough six years ago, Fay was still working in various other jobs.

Jobs included working as a teaching associate at the University of Sheffield during the early days of her career,



• Fay Hield

and to this day Fay still works outside of the recording studio.

"I am fundamentally an unaccompanied singer, and while that's a form I love, the audience for it is dedicated, but small," Fay told the Observer.

"I wanted to bring really exciting traditional music to more people."

"I asked people to join the band, not particularly because of what instrument they play but because of their approach to making music and how we all fire off each other to make these songs come to life."

The Hurricane Party consists of Fay's husband Jon Boden, Rob Harbron, Sam Sweeney and Andy Cutting. Tickets cost £17, with the gig starting at 7.30pm.

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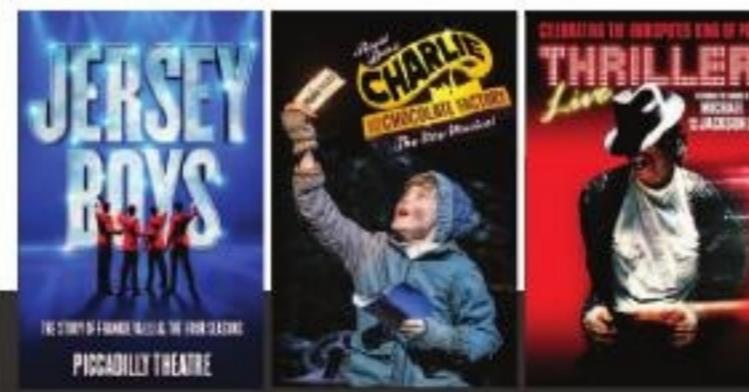
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Wed, Jan 27, 7.45pm
The Forge, Basingstoke
ROD PICOTT
 Rod has had his songs covered by Ray Wylie Hubbard, Claid Cleaves and Fred Eaglesmith among others but it's his brilliant stage show and his instant rapport with his audience that sets this Maine wordsmith apart from the rest.

Fri, Jan 29, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
THAT'LL BE THE DAY
 Prepare for a nostalgia party extravaganza as the legendary That'll Be The Day returns with its brand new 30th Anniversary Special! The nation's favourite rock 'n' roll variety spectacular features a fantastic line up of knock-out hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s, plus more side-splitting comedy! Early booking is advised as this ever-popular show attracts a big audience of music lovers ready to party!

Thu, Jan 28 – Sat, Feb 20
The Watermill Theatre, Newbury
TELL ME ON A SUNDAY

Following her acclaimed performance in The Watermill's 2014 production of Calamity Jane, Jodie Prenger now steps into Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's classic musical, Tell Me On A Sunday. This iconic musical, with a wonderful original score played by a five piece band, features the chart-topping Take That Look Off Your Face, and title track Tell Me On A Sunday. Performed by many legendary musical theatre stars including Marti Webb and Sarah Brightman, this new 2016 production directed by Paul Foster includes an intimate post-show chat with Jodie about life, love and playing the role of Emma.

Fri, Jan 29, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury
KAST OF KINKS

Actual former members of iconic band 'The Kinks' this great line-up features the fantastic Mick Avory (original drummer on classic hits spanning 1964-84), John Dalton (bass/vocals 1969-76), Ian Gibbons (keyboard/vocals 1979-96) with Dave Clarke (guitar/vocals, formerly of Beach Boys, Noel Redding & Tim Rose). All the hits, including: You Really Got Me, Dedicated Follower of Fashion, Sunny Afternoon, Lola, Days, Waterloo Sunset, Come Dancing and many more for driving power chords, distorted guitar sound and soulful lyrics.

Fri, Jan 29, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS

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Fri, Jan 29, 8pm
New Greenham Arts Auditorium, Newbury

STEVE HALL AND TOMMY ROWSON

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Sat, Jan 30, 7.45pm
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ELKIE BROOKS

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Sun, Jan 31, 3pm
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Wed, Feb 3, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke

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Sun, Feb 7, 7.30pm
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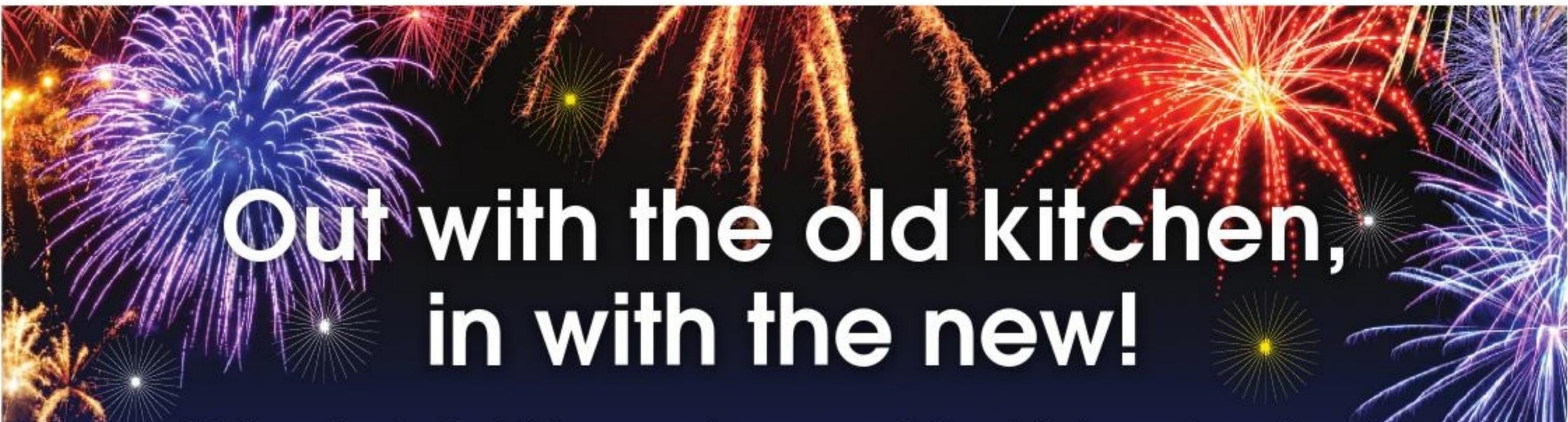
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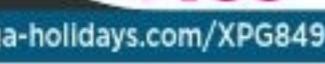
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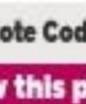
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Ford reaps police vehicle orders

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In a total deal comprising 1,100 vehicles, forces across the country have recognised the Kuga's all-wheel-drive capability and the versatility of the iconic Ford Transit to help in their pursuit of keeping the country safe.

A total of 22 forces from the UK's northern consortium ordered 680 Ford models, which includes 120 Kuga SUVs and 560 Transit Custom medium vans, with half of the Transit Customs being supplied by Ford as cell vans.

The vans have been converted by its special vehicle preparation (SVP) operation into a vehicle that will be capable of securely transporting two detainees, accompanied by up to five police officers.

Ford Kuga and Transit Custom were also top of the SUV and van wish list of the country's southern consortium, which also included six fire services as well as 28 police forces.

They also added 110 Ford Transit Connect light vans and 30 Ranger pickups to the 80 Kugas and 200 Transit

By James Richings

Customs which made up their Ford order.

Ford direct sales manager Terry Adams said: "Ford has a long history of working with emergency services spanning 50 years."

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The new all-wheel-drive Ford Mondeo is also to be considered as one of the best estate vehicles for the transportation of police dogs.

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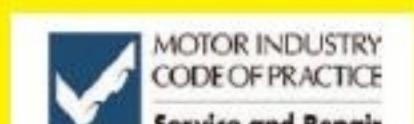
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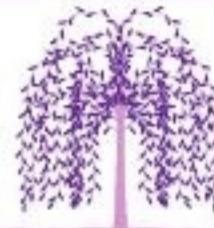
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Bison strike back in hunt for the EPL title

Wintney remain top after securing another victory

HARTLEY Wintney FC maintained their grasp on the top of the Combined Counties Premier Division with a 3-0 win at home to AFC Hayes on Saturday.

Wintney have 59 points from their 23 games, and are one above second-placed Ashford Town, before a 10-point gap down to third.

They now turn their attention to their FA Vase fifth round fixture with Hereford on Saturday, before returning to league action away to Guildford City on Wednesday.

Elsewhere, Whitchurch United got another win on the board as they beat fellow strugglers Fawley 2-0.

The Jam Boys are languishing in 18th in the Wessex Premier Division with 18 points, after what has been a disappointing season for the side.

They were due to play Overtown United last night as the Observer went to press, and are back in action away to Moneyfields on Saturday.

And Tadley Calleva enjoyed a 3-0 victory over Laverstock and Ford on Saturday.

They are sitting ninth in the Wessex First Division table with 23 points, four behind next-placed Hythe & Dibden.

Tuesday's game with Ringwood Town was postponed.

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BASINGSTOKE Bison returned to winning ways at the weekend after picking up 3-2 and 4-3 wins against Milton Keynes Lightning and Hull Pirates respectively.

Coming off the back of three successive defeats after losing 1-0 to Guildford Flames in the EPL Cup on Wednesday, the Herd returned to form to claim two narrow wins and boost their title chances.

Friday's home match saw Bison get off to a good start, as Rene Jarolin opened the

By Adam Flinn

scoring on 4:31 from a Shaun Thompson and Joe Greener set up.

No more goals followed in the first period, although Bison edged the shot count by 12 to 10.

Jarolin popped up again at 24:18 with the home side's second goal, with the assists coming from Greener and Aaron Connolly.

Just over a minute later it was 3-0 with Tomas Karpov firing Bison further ahead, helped by

Ciaran Long and Alan Lack.

However the hosts suffered penalty trouble, and with a two man advantage Lightning pulled one back through Jordan Cownie, although Bison keeper Jon Baston restricted the damage to just one goal after making 17 saves.

Lightning got their second on 45:56 as Grant McPherson finished from a Frankie Bakrlik and Michael Farn assist, to

make for a nervy final quarter of an hour.

But the home side were able

to hang on and weathered a late Lightning attack to ensure they collected the two points.

And Saturday's game was even closer as it took until overtime for Bison to triumph 4-3 away to Hull Pirates.

Tommi Laine scored first for Hull, but Stuart Mogg restored parity less than a minute into the second period.

Bison took the lead shortly afterwards as Greener converted his penalty shot, before Connolly made it three for the Herd before the half-hour mark.

Dominic Osman got one back for Hull before the end of the second period, before Laine added his second three minutes from the end to force the match into overtime.

But Matt Towalski made sure Bison wouldn't have to go through penalties by scoring on 63:46, after assists by Ryan Watt and Kurt Reynolds.

The results mean that Bison are four points clear of Lightning at the top of the table with 56 points, having played 38 games.

Bison were playing the second leg of their EPL Cup tie against Guildford Flames last night as the Observer went to press, as they try to overturn the 1-0 deficit from the first game last Wednesday.

The next match for Bison is at home to Bracknell Bees on Saturday, before they travel to Manchester Phoenix on Sunday.

It means Basingstoke stay second in the Hampshire/Surrey Regional 1 standings with 27 points, four behind leaders Bournemouth.

Their next game is at home to Southampton 1sts on Saturday.

Sport Bites

'Stoke woe

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC were on the wrong end of another whitewash at the weekend, as they were thrashed 60-0 away to Warlingham.

'Stoke have lost every single one of their 14 games so far this term, and look doomed to suffer a third successive relegation.

Saturday's result was their second-worst of the season, with only an 85-7 defeat away to London Exiles beating this weekend's score.

They sit 12th and last in the London 2 South West table with -5 points, and play Winchester at home on Saturday.

Semis reached

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies reached the semi-finals of the Hampshire Women's FA Cup after beating Southampton on penalties on Sunday.

The match finished 2-2 after normal time, but Basingstoke eventually moved into the next round after winning 4-2 on penalties.

They will face Team Solent Ladies in their semi final fixture on Sunday, February 21, with their next league game at home to Oxford City Ladies this Sunday.

Joy for ladies

HOCKEY: A strong performance from Basingstoke Hockey Club's ladies' 1sts gave them a 3-0 victory over Wanderers 1sts on Saturday.

Roxy O'Dea scored the first shortly before half-time, controlling Kirsty Kent's driving pass and sending it into goal.

Early in the second half it was two as Cath McCormick converted Fi Parker's short corner to put Basingstoke two ahead.

And Kent completed the scoring after deflecting in Parker's ball into the back of the net.

Basingstoke are second in the South Women's League Division 3B with 54 points, just two behind current leaders Wimbledon 1sts.

They will be going for a seventh straight win when they take on Guildford Ladies 1sts on Saturday afternoon.



• It was a successful weekend for Basingstoke Bison (picture by grantkingphotography.com)

Rouse salvages last-minute draw

A LATE goal helped Basingstoke Hockey Club men's 1sts to rescue a draw in their match away to Fareham 2nds on Saturday afternoon.

The visitors had been trailing for much of the game, but saved a point by scoring with just minutes of the match remaining.

Basingstoke had made a

strong start with a handful of short corners, but were unable to convert any of them.

However it was Fareham who took the lead as Chris Davey tipped a finish past Basingstoke keeper Adam Smith.

Basingstoke upped the pace in the second half, although Dave

Stones made a mess of a touch

for his shot to go harmlessly into the side netting.

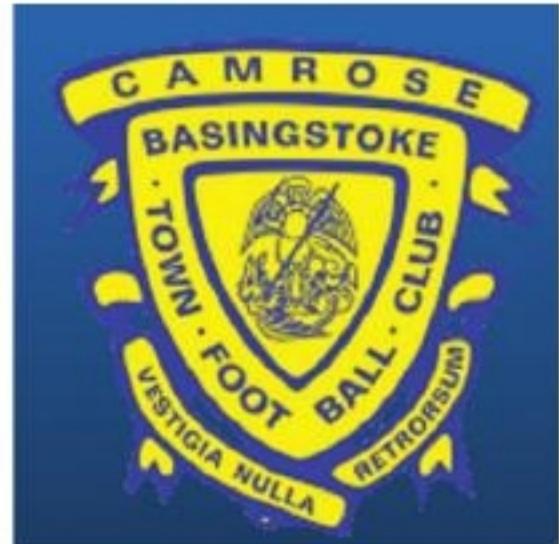
But with five minutes left Basingstoke finally grabbed a goal as Dan Bowden managed to find Grant Rouse who deflected the ball into the net.

It was nearly two for Basingstoke in the final attempt of the match as Bowden made a clean

hit, but was denied by a last minute lunge from a defender to knock the ball over the top.

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TOWN'S WIN STREAK HIT BY LATE STRIKE

BASINGSTOKE Town's winning run was brought to an end on Saturday as they fell to a 1-0 defeat away to relegation rivals Havant and Waterlooville.

Coming off the back of three successive victories in the National League South, Town would have been hopeful of extending their run against their fellow Hampshire strugglers.

And they almost made the worst possible start to the match, as the Hawks scored within the first minute only for the goal to be ruled offside.

Basingstoke bounced back after their shaky start and began to pressure the Hawks, with Simon Dunn's 25-yard shot skimming the crossbar.

The hosts retaliated and earned a couple more chances, with Theo Lewis trying to chip Town keeper Aaron Howe and Rowan Vine shooting high and wide.

Matt Paterson was the next to have an effort for the Hawks with a header just past the post, before firing wide with his follow-up attempt a minute later.

Despite chances for both sides the first half ended goalless, but six minutes after the break Paterson had another shot denied as

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Howe made an impressive save. On the hour mark, Manny Williams had a crack for Town from 35 yards out, but saw his effort go high and wide of the mark.

However, the Dragons did manage to gain a bit of momentum, with Ben Swallow finding his way past three Hawks players before being dispossessed in the box.

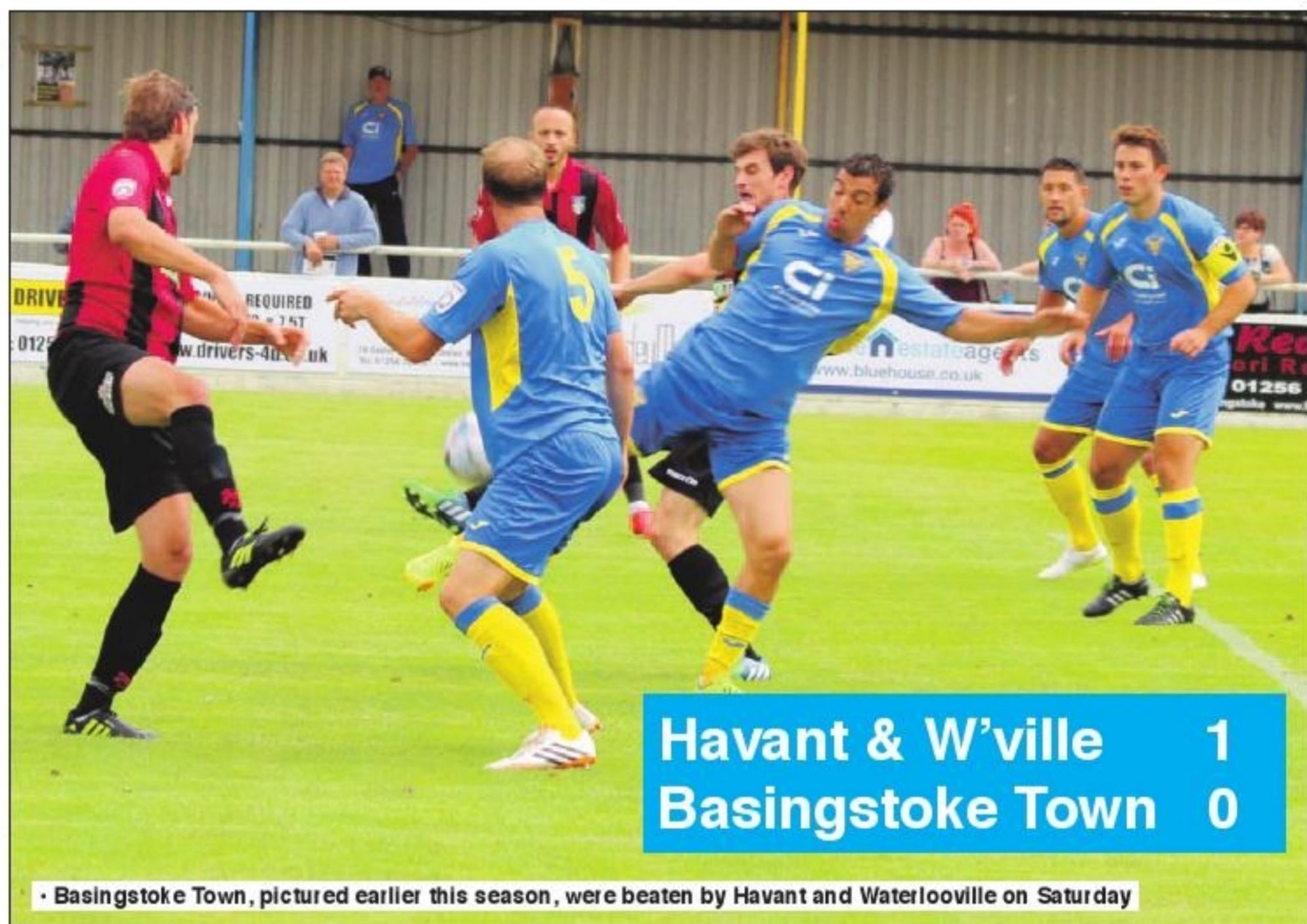
Williams then had another effort, this time from inside the box, but saw it stopped.

With three minutes of normal time remaining, the Hawks finally made a breakthrough as Scott Donnelly set up Paterson to knock the ball home.

A late goalmouth scramble almost secured Basingstoke a point, but the Hawks stood firm, earning them the three points.

The result was enough to lift the Hawks off the bottom of the table above Basingstoke, although St Albans City have slipped to last after suffering a 4-1 defeat to Oxford City.

It means Town stay on 22 points and are three points off safety, with a tough match at home to current table-toppers Ebbsfleet United on Saturday.



• Basingstoke Town, pictured earlier this season, were beaten by Havant and Waterlooville on Saturday

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